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SUBJ: SOMALI MEDIA ON SIAD - FORD MEETING

1. SOMALIA MEDIA ON OCTOBER 13 CARRIED RATHER BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNTS OF OCTOBER 11 MEETING OF PRESIDENTS FORD AND SIAD IN WASHINGTON. SOMALI LANGUAGE DAILY OCTOBER STAR CARRIED MEETING AS LEAD STORY, BUT WITH ONLY BRIEF ARTICLE AND WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT. ENGLISH LANGUAGE SONNA NEWS BULLETIN SUMMARIZED SUBJECTS OF PRESIDENTIAL DISCUSSION AS "AFRO-US TIES, RELATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND THE US, THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, AND OTHER WORLD ISSUES", WITHOUT FURTHER DESCRIPTION OR COMMENT. NO RPT NO FURTHER COMMENT IN NEWSPAPERS ON TWO FOLLOWING DAYS.

2. FOR COMPARISON, SIAD'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF FRANCE IN PARIS ON OCTOBER 14 HANDLED IN SIMILAR WAY BY SOMALI MEDIA,

I.E. TREATED AS LEAD STORY FOR ONE DAY, BUT RATHER BRIEFLY AND WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT. CONSIDERABLY MORE ATTENTION WAS GIVEN IN MEDIA TO SIAD'S UN ADDRESS OCTOBER 9TH AND RELATED SIAD MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

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